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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/899,372 entitled "SOLUBLE KERATIN PEPTIDE," Van Dyke, et al.
Attorney Docket No.: KER020/4-005CON; Confirmation No. 3035

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination;
2. Response to Final Office Action of January 22, 2003;
3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
4. Form PTO-1449 along with references A130-A141, B1-B9, and C8-C120;
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/899,372
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First Named Inventor	Van Dyke, et al
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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed _____ on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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- b. Other _____

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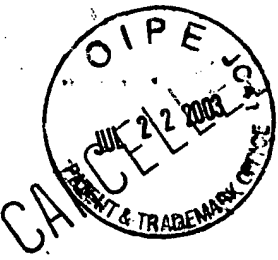
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 22, 2003

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Sir:

The present paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action of January 22, 2003, the date for response for which is April 22, 2003. The Commissioner is requested to consider this a petition for a three month extension of time, bringing the due date to July 22, 2002. Also filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Information Disclosure Statement. A credit card authorization for the requisite fees of \$840.00 is attached, including \$375.00 according to 37 CFR 1.17(e) for an RCE and \$465.00 according to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for a three month extension of time. If the authorization is inadvertently omitted, or if the fees are insufficient, or if any further fee is deemed to be due for any reason under 37 C.F.R.

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